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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON ARMENIAN TERRORISTS

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1. MOST TURKISH DAILIES MAY 16 CARRIED FRONT-PAGE STORIES
ON MAY 15 BOMBING OF TURKISH TOURISM OFFICE IN PARIS, BUT
VIRTUALLY ALL STORIES WERE PLAYED IN LOW-KEY,
STRAIGHT-FORWARD FASHION AND IN ALL CASES WERE OVERSHADOWED
BY ELECTION NEWS. ONLY RIGHT-WING TERCUMAN MADE THE
STORY REALLY PROMINENT, GIVING IT THE FRONT-PAGE'S
SECOND LARGEST HEADLINE -- "THE ARMENIANS BOMBED OUR
TOURISM BUREAU IN PARIS" -- UNDER THE SUPERHEADING "A
NEW PIECE OF EFFRONTERY." MOST PAPERS NOTED CONFLICTING
CLAIMS FOR "CREDIT" BY THE "NEW ARMENIAN RESISTANCE"
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AND THE "YOUTH ACTION GROUP," ALTHOUGH TERCUMAN ARTICLE
LABELED THE LATTER GROUP THE "YOUNG ARMENIAN ACTIVIST
GROUP".

2. MAY 7 MASS-CIRCULATION HURRIYET, UNDER THE HEADLINE
"THREE ARMENIANS, MURDERERS OF OUR TWO AMBASSADORS, HAVE
BEEN CAUGHT" REPORTED FROM ZURICH THAT SWISS AND GERMAN

POLICE HAD CAUGHT THREE AND KILLED ANOTHER OF THE
"TREACHEROUS ARMENIANS" WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE OCTOBER, 1975,
KILLING OF THE TURKISH AMBASSADORS TO VIENNA AND PARIS. TWO
WERE REPORTEDLY CAPTURED IN LOERRACH, GERMANY, AFTER A GUNFIGHT
WITH POLICE DURING WHICH ONE TERRORIST WAS KILLED, AND THE
FOURTH WAS CAPTURED IN ST. GALLEN, SWITZERLAND. POLICE
REPORTEDLY HAVE REFUSED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE
CAPTURED ARMENIANS, AND NEXT OCTOBER IS SAID TO BE THE
EARLIEST THEIR TRIAL CAN BEGIN. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT
ARMENIANS HAVE BEGUN A PRESSURE CAMPAIGN TO GET THE SWISS
GOVERNMENT TO FREE THE SUSPECTED TERRORISTS.
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